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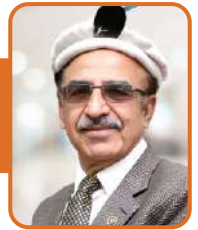


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Karakoram International University Hosts Key Session on Climate Change to Address Regional Environmental Challenges



Karakoram International University (KIU) organized a crucial session on climate change in collaboration with COP in My City and the Department of Environmental Sciences. The event brought together influential voices from academia, government, and local organizations to discuss the pressing environmental issues impacting Gilgit-Baltistan and beyond. The session saw enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and officials from various departments of University, marking a significant step in raising climate awareness and building a knowledgeable community committed to addressing climate challenges.

Role of Academia and Local Government in Climate Leadership



KIU's Acting Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Abdul Razaq, shared insights on the role of academic institutions in addressing environmental challenges. *"KIU is committed to driving awareness and research around climate issues that directly impact our communities,"* Dr. Razaq said. *"Through knowledge-sharing and community engagement, we can work towards practical, sustainable solutions."* Dr. Razaq highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in understanding climate change impacts and implementing effective responses, emphasizing KIU's role as a regional hub for environmental research and education.

Advocate Amjad Hussain, Member of the Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly, also spoke on the occasion, stressing the importance of a united effort between the government, educational institutions, and communities in combating climate change. He noted that policy makers and legislators need to prioritize environmental issues and work closely with experts to enact policies that align with sustainable development goals.

Speakers Highlight Urgency for Climate Action



The session was graced by the presence of Deputy Speaker of the Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly, Sadia Danish, who served as the event's chief guest. In her address, Ms. Danish underscored the urgency of climate education, particularly among young people. *"Climate change is no longer a distant concern; it is a reality we are living with today. Our region, with its unique environmental landscape, is especially vulnerable to climate impacts. We must empower our youth with the knowledge and tools to be proactive in protecting their environment,"* she stated. She further commended KIU and its partners for their role in creating a platform to educate and inspire future leaders and emphasized the importance of holding regular discussions on such issues to foster a culture of responsibility and resilience within the region.

KIU Alumni Shine at Patakha Pictures Fellowship, Highlighting Climate Change Stories

In its fourth year, the Patakha Pictures fellowship, led by Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, celebrated the talent of 10 emerging female filmmakers from Pakistan, including KIU Media Department alumni Nadia Zartaj and Nagina Jabeen. Their documentary, *De Mofat Voyn: Hope in Disaster*, powerfully depicts the aftermath of the devastating 2012 flood in Avarice Valley, Gilgit-Baltistan, focusing on the resilience of displaced communities, including Nagina's own family.

The documentary was one of five featured at a special

screening hosted by SOC Films, attended by notable figures such as Sarwat Gilani and Mehwish Hayat. Reflecting on their journey, Nagina Jabeen emphasized the role of storytelling in empowering women, while Nadia Zartaj described the fellowship as a transformative experience that broadened her skills and perspective. Their work not only raises awareness of climate change's devastating effects but also highlights the growing impact of KIU's Media Department in nurturing storytellers who advocate for social change.



Academia-Media Partnerships: Enhancing Youth Engagement with Journalism

The Department of Media and Communication Studies at Karakoram International University (KIU) hosted the inaugural dialogue session of the Academia-Media Partnerships project, a collaborative initiative launched by Freedom Network and the Coalition Against Disinformation (CAD). The project aims to strengthen youth engagement with digital journalism by fostering connections between academia and media outlets.

The session brought together KIU Media Department students and key representatives from Ibex Media Network (IMN), including Chief Editor Mr. Aly Najeeb, Producer Ms. Alia Jabeen, and Creative Director Mr. Zulqarnain. Students

discussed the gaps in digital media content, especially the underrepresentation of youth-centric issues. In response, IMN representatives expressed their commitment to creating more youth-focused journalism.

The event featured an engaging brainstorming session and an interactive Q&A, where students and media professionals exchanged ideas on digital content production, the challenges faced by the industry, and potential career opportunities. This dialogue marks the beginning of a fruitful collaboration aimed at amplifying youth representation in digital media.

KIU Business Incubation Center Manager Leads University Delegation to Cross-Border E-Commerce Summer School in China

Exploring International Collaboration and E-Commerce Innovation in Yenning, China



Karakoram International University's (KIU) commitment to international collaboration and innovation was prominently showcased as a university delegation, led by Kaleem Ullah Dar, Manager of the KIU Business Incubation Center, attended the Cross-Border E-Commerce Summer School in Yenning, China. This program, designed to strengthen educational and economic partnerships, brought together global participants to share knowledge, examine emerging e-commerce trends, and explore opportunities for cross-border cooperation.

Hosted in Yenning, the summer school offered a comprehensive curriculum blending theoretical insights with practical, industry-focused learning. The KIU delegation, which included faculty members and students, was immersed in cutting-edge e-commerce strategies and emerging technologies that are shaping the digital marketplace. The delegation's visit aimed to expand their understanding of the latest developments in cross-border trade, supply chain management, and the digital economy, with a particular focus on China's rapidly advancing e-commerce sector.

"This experience has been invaluable for both our students and faculty, who gained firsthand insight into the trends and technological advances driving the global e-commerce landscape," remarked Mr. Kaleem Ullah Dar. "KIU remains

dedicated to providing transformative learning experiences that empower our academic community to engage meaningfully with the digital economy."

During the program, the delegation had the opportunity to visit leading local industries and observe the practical applications of advanced e-commerce strategies and supply chain models in a real-world setting. These site visits enabled participants to draw connections between their academic studies and the operational practices of internationally competitive businesses.

At the conclusion of the summer school, the KIU delegation met with Chinese business leaders, policymakers, and academics to exchange ideas on fostering bilateral collaboration in e-commerce and digital innovation. These discussions underscored both institutions' shared commitment to building sustainable economic ties and advancing technological education through ongoing partnerships.

KIU's participation in this prestigious program highlights its dedication to equipping students and faculty with global perspectives and practical knowledge in international business. By fostering such cross-border exchanges, KIU aims to bolster its educational offerings and strengthen its role as a leader in innovation and economic development.

Karakoram International University Launches Advanced Workshop on Qualitative Data Analysis Using NVivo Software

Equipping Faculty with Cutting-Edge Skills for Enhanced Research and Analysis



Karakoram International University (KIU) commenced a specialized two-day workshop aimed at developing advanced qualitative data analysis skills among its faculty, utilizing the NVivo software platform. Organized by KIU's Department of Economics, this workshop seeks to empower faculty members from various disciplines with the expertise needed to conduct rigorous qualitative research and derive impactful insights from complex data.

The workshop, according to KIU's Department of Public Relations, focuses on both foundational and advanced methodologies in qualitative data analysis using NVivo. Starting with an overview of NVivo's core capabilities, the program progressively introduces more sophisticated techniques in coding, thematic analysis, and insight generation. This approach enables participants to build a comprehensive skillset that supports data-driven research and informed decision-making.

Guiding the workshop are three highly esteemed resource persons: Dr. Abdul Rahman Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Balochistan; Hajra M. Ali; and Dr. Jamal Hussain, Head of the Department of Economics at KIU. These experts lead hands-on sessions, case studies, and group discussions designed to ensure participants gain practical, applicable skills in qualitative analysis. Through this immersive approach, attendees will learn best practices

in structuring, analyzing, and interpreting data to create well-founded, meaningful research outputs.

Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of KIU, inaugurated the workshop and emphasized its importance in enhancing research capabilities across the university. "This workshop exemplifies our commitment to equipping faculty with the analytical tools and skills that support KIU's mission of academic excellence," said Dr. Shah. "By embracing advanced research techniques, our faculty are better positioned to produce meaningful, data-driven contributions that impact academia and society alike."

The resource persons noted that NVivo's powerful analysis capabilities enable researchers to manage large datasets, identify nuanced themes, and extract in-depth insights with precision. The workshop is designed to help KIU's faculty leverage these tools effectively, fostering a research environment that emphasizes analytical rigor and innovative thinking.

This two-day initiative underscores KIU's commitment to faculty development, strengthening the university's research environment and reinforcing its role as a regional leader in educational excellence. By supporting its faculty in mastering sophisticated research tools, KIU continues to expand its impact within academia and beyond.

Karakoram International University Launches Online Portal for Sports Complex, Enhancing Accessibility and Engagement in Campus Sports Programs



In a significant step towards enhancing campus sports and wellness resources, Karakoram International University (KIU) launched an online portal for its sports complex, streamlining access to sports facilities and programs for students and faculty. The launch ceremony was attended by Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, who served as the chief guest, along with senior administrative staff, faculty members, and students.

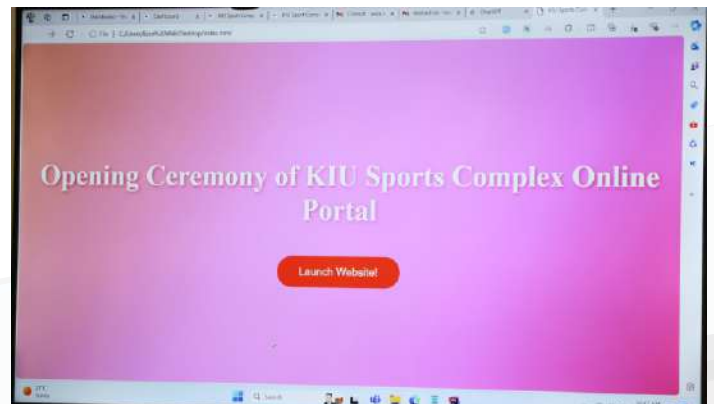
The new sports portal is designed to improve accessibility and engagement in physical fitness activities, providing the KIU community with an integrated platform for information on sports facilities, programs, and scheduling. This portal aims to make sports resources at KIU more accessible, offering a seamless experience for membership enrollment and information on available facilities.

During his address, Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah emphasized KIU's commitment to digital transformation and student well-being, noting that the sports complex portal is part of a broader initiative to modernize university services. "This platform underscores our dedication to promoting physical fitness and healthy lifestyles within the university community," he stated. "By bringing sports and recreation resources online, we continue to strengthen our campus's support for students' holistic development."

Essa Wali, the web developer for the project, provided an in-

depth briefing on the portal's functionality prior to the ceremony. He explained that students interested in accessing the sports complex must complete an online membership form and pay a required fee to finalize their enrollment. To ensure inclusivity and accessibility, the portal provides designated time slots for male and female students, as well as staff members, to participate in various indoor sports activities. The system's structure ensures organized and equitable access for all members of the KIU community.

With this launch, KIU further advances its goal of digital integration across all university services. From admissions and academics to campus facilities, KIU is committed to leveraging technology to improve the university experience for all.



Karakoram International University Hosts Second International Conference on “Climate Change and Associated Risks to Infrastructure”

National and International Experts Convene at KIU to Address Climate Impacts on Infrastructure



Karakoram International University (KIU) held its second international conference on “Climate Change and Associated Risks to Infrastructure,” bringing together over 250 national and international experts, government representatives, and scholars to discuss the urgent challenges posed by climate change on infrastructure systems, particularly in vulnerable regions like Gilgit-Baltistan. This two-day conference was organized in collaboration with the UNDP GLOF-II Project Gilgit-Baltistan, the Aga Khan Agency for Habitat Gilgit-Baltistan, and the National Center of Excellence in Geology at the University of Peshawar.

The closing ceremony featured esteemed guests including Eman Shah, Special Assistant to the Chief Minister of Gilgit-Baltistan for Information; Faizullah Faraq, Spokesperson of the provincial government; Professor Dr. Muhammad Qasim Jan, Chairman of the KIU Senate; Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of KIU; and Dr. Abdul Rahman Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Baluchistan University of Engineering and Technology. Key speakers underscored the critical need for immediate action and highlighted KIU's significant contributions to climate research.

In his remarks, Special Assistant Eman Shah emphasized the growing urgency to mitigate climate impacts and acknowledged the leadership role of KIU in advancing climate research for sustainable solutions. He expressed the provincial government's commitment to collaborating closely with KIU on actionable climate initiatives.

Professor Dr. Muhammad Qasim Jan, Chairman of KIU Senate, applauded the university's pioneering role in national and international research, particularly in environmental and climate sciences. He noted that KIU's partnerships with notable organizations demonstrate its high standing and impactful contributions on a global scale.

Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah outlined KIU's recent achievements in education and climate initiatives, underlining the university's commitment to promoting resilience through informed research. He spoke about KIU's vision for sustainable development and emphasized the importance of continuing climate-related studies to mitigate risks to infrastructure in the region.

The conference included presentations by key experts, such as Dr. Maryam Jackson, Senior Cryosphere Specialist at ICIMOD, and Associate Professor Dr. Asadullah, both of whom highlighted the pressing need for collaborative action in addressing climate threats. Their discussions focused on interdisciplinary research as a foundational approach for building resilient infrastructure systems.

Throughout the conference, experts shared research findings on climate-induced risks to infrastructure, with a particular focus on glacial and mountainous regions. The event provided a platform for participants to engage in valuable knowledge-sharing and collaborative dialogue, aiming to forge practical solutions for regional and global climate challenges.

Karakoram International University Celebrates National Day of the People's Republic of China, Strengthening Bilateral Ties

Karakoram International University (KIU) hosted a special event to celebrate the National Day of the People's Republic of China, underscoring the longstanding friendship and cooperation between Pakistan and China. The event, organized by KIU's China Study Center and the International Office, brought together university officials, faculty members, and students in a display of solidarity and shared purpose.

In his address, Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of KIU, highlighted the profound and enduring bond between Pakistan and China, describing it as a friendship "higher than the Himalayas and deeper than the oceans." He emphasized KIU's commitment to fostering educational and cultural collaborations that reinforce this partnership and create new opportunities for students and faculty.

Associate Professor Dr. Faqeer Mohammad, Director of the KIU China Study Center, and Dr. Sajjad Ali, Director of the KIU International Office, provided an overview of the

scholarships available to KIU students through the China Study Center. They highlighted various avenues for higher education and research facilitated by the Chinese government, underscoring China's significant role in supporting academic advancement for KIU students.

To commemorate the occasion, the Vice Chancellor presented copies of the fourth book titled Pakistan, Belt and Road Initiative, published in collaboration with the China Study Center, to key officials. Recipients included the Director of LG & RD, Adeeb Hussain, and other university staff. The book emphasizes the importance of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and its transformative impact on regional connectivity, economic development, and cultural exchange.

The event marks another milestone in KIU's dedication to enhancing Pakistan-China relations through academic initiatives and research collaborations that reflect shared values and mutual respect.



Karakoram International University Hosts Cleanliness Campaign to Promote Environmental Responsibility and Ethical Values



Karakoram International University (KIU) organized a campus-wide cleanliness campaign led by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in collaboration with Voice of GB. The event aimed to raise awareness among students and faculty about the importance of a clean environment and foster a culture of responsibility and ethics.

The event was attended by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, who served as the chief guest, along with senior administrative staff, teaching faculty, and students from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. In his address, Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah emphasized the integral role of ethics in personal and academic development. “Human personality lies in knowledge and ethics,” he noted. “Without ethics, knowledge alone can lead to corruption. It is crucial that students focus on both education and moral values.”

Prior to the Vice Chancellor's address, Provost Dr. Qamar Abbas, Head of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology Dr. Jafar Aman, and Voice of GB Coordinator Khalil Ahmed underscored the significance of environmental stewardship. They encouraged students to take an active role in maintaining a clean and green campus, highlighting how small, everyday actions can lead to

substantial positive impacts.

The cleanliness campaign reflects KIU's ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability and the development of ethically-grounded, community-minded students. Through such initiatives, the university hopes to inspire future leaders who are not only well-educated but also value and act upon principles of integrity and social responsibility.



KIU Hosts Annual Seerat-un-Nabi Conference and Inter-Departmental Naat Competition to Celebrate Islamic Values and Cultural Harmony



Karakoram International University (KIU) hosted its much-anticipated Annual Seerat-un-Nabi Conference and Inter-Departmental Naat Competition in a spirited and heartfelt ceremony. The event, aimed at promoting Islamic values, cultural harmony, and a deeper understanding of the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), was organized by the KIU Provost Office in collaboration with the Arts & Culture and Dramatic Society, Youth Empowerment Club, and MAP Society.

The event was attended by a distinguished group of guests, including the Vice Chancellor of KIU, Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, who graced the occasion as the chief guest. Other notable attendees included Sheikh Nasir Zamani, Advisor to the Chief Minister of Gilgit-Baltistan, Al-Waiz Fida Ali Esar, senior administrative and academic officers, as well as a large number of enthusiastic students.

The Naat competition was a highlight of the event, with students from various departments showcasing their talent by reciting beautiful and melodious Naat poetry. Their heartfelt performances filled the atmosphere with reverence and love for the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), earning them accolades from the audience. The event served as a celebration of creativity, devotion, and Islamic tradition.

In his address, Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah commended the organizers for arranging such an uplifting event that not only brought joy but also promoted peace and spiritual reflection. He expressed his appreciation for the students' engagement and enthusiasm, emphasizing the importance of such activities in fostering a deeper understanding of Islamic values.

Earlier, Sheikh Nasir Zamani, Al-Waiz Fida Ali Esar, Provost Dr. Qamar Abbas, and other speakers highlighted that the Seerat of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) reflects the teachings of the Quran and that following His (PBUH) example is the key to resolving today's challenges. They noted that many of the issues facing the Muslim Ummah today stem from not adhering to the life of the Prophet (PBUH) as a guiding model.

The event also underscored KIU's commitment to providing a holistic educational experience that goes beyond academic learning. In addition to its academic programs and research initiatives, KIU offers ample opportunities for personal development through extracurricular activities such as the Seerat-un-Nabi Conference and Naat competition.

The Naat competition concluded with the following winners:

- **First Position: Masum Ali** (Department of International Relations)
- **Second Position: Muhammad Naeem Shigri** (Department of Physics)
- **Third Position: Noreen Fatima** (Department of Sociology)

The top three students were awarded cash prizes and certificates of recognition for their outstanding performances.



Karakoram International University and INTI International University, Malaysia, Seal Historic Partnership

Karakoram International University (KIU) and INTI International University, Malaysia, have entered into a historic partnership, formalized today with the signing of a Document of Understanding (DoU). This momentous agreement marks a new chapter in academic collaboration between the two institutions and is expected to foster a range of innovative initiatives that will benefit both faculty and students.

The Department of Chemistry at KIU spearheaded this milestone, setting the stage for several key academic and research developments, including:

1. Student mobility programs to facilitate exchange and broaden educational experiences
2. Faculty exchange visits to promote cross-institutional learning and collaboration
3. Joint academic programs and collaborative research publications
4. Conferences and workshops aimed at advancing scientific discovery and knowledge sharing

The signing ceremony was graced by Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of KIU, and Professor M. Ismail, marking the importance of this partnership. Dr. Sajjad Haider, Director of KIU's International Office, also contributed to the success of the event with his strategic guidance and input.

A significant highlight of the partnership is the recognition of eight faculty members from the Department of Chemistry,

who were awarded Research Fellow titles. Under the terms of the agreement, INTI International University will also cover Article Processing Charges (APC) for up to \$1600 per manuscript, further incentivizing research output and academic publishing.

In addition to these achievements, Dr. Manzoor Hussain has secured a competitive Seed Grant 2024 for collaborative research with INTI International University, strengthening the commitment to cutting-edge scientific research and innovation.

This agreement follows the success of the 1st International Conference on Chemistry of Medicinal Plants 2024, hosted by the Department of Chemistry at KIU, which further solidified the department's reputation for academic excellence and international collaboration.

Professor M. Ismail expressed his enthusiasm about the partnership, stating, "This collaboration will foster innovative research, capacity building, and knowledge sharing. We look forward to a fruitful and lasting partnership between our institutions."

The DoU between Karakoram International University and INTI International University ushers in a new era of academic cooperation between Pakistan and Malaysia, which will enrich educational experiences, enhance research opportunities, and accelerate scientific discovery across borders.



KIU Vice Chancellor Meets MS Economics Graduates to Discuss Achievements and Future Aspirations

A group of recent MS Economics graduates from the Department of Economics at Karakoram International University (KIU) met with Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of KIU, to share their academic achievements and experiences. The meeting was organized to celebrate their success and discuss their future aspirations.

During the meeting, the graduates had the opportunity to reflect on their academic journeys and the skills they gained during their time at KIU. Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah congratulated the graduates on their accomplishments, emphasizing that their hard work and commitment to their studies were evident in their success. He expressed immense pride in the university's graduates, recognizing their potential to make significant contributions in their fields.

Dr. Shah also took the opportunity to encourage the graduates to continue pursuing higher education in a focused and refined manner, urging them to use their academic knowledge and skills for the betterment of society and the nation. He expressed confidence that the graduates, equipped with the knowledge they had acquired at KIU,

would go on to excel in their future endeavors and play a role in shaping the future of the country.

This meeting highlights KIU's commitment to supporting and inspiring its graduates as they embark on their professional journeys, empowering them to achieve greater success in their chosen fields.



Karakoram International University and SPARC Gilgit Sign MoU to Foster Collaboration in Research and Space Technology



Karakoram International University (KIU) and the Space Applications and Research Center (SPARC) Gilgit have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen their collaboration in research and innovation, particularly in the fields of climate studies and space technology.

The MoU was signed by Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of KIU, and Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Director of SPARC Gilgit. The signing ceremony was attended by key figures, including senior faculty members from KIU, officials from SPARC, and a number of students.



This partnership will pave the way for joint research initiatives, particularly in climate studies, and will offer internship opportunities for students, allowing them to gain hands-on experience in space technology. Additionally, both institutions will work together to promote mutual collaboration in education, research, and technological innovation.

The agreement highlights the commitment of both KIU and SPARC Gilgit to advancing scientific knowledge and fostering academic growth through collaborative efforts in cutting-edge research.

KIU and WHO Sign Cooperation Agreement to Eradicate Polio in Gilgit-Baltistan



Karakoram International University (KIU) has entered into a significant cooperation agreement with the World Health Organization (WHO) to support the eradication of polio in Gilgit-Baltistan. The agreement was formalized through a signing ceremony attended by Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of KIU, and Dr. Syed Gohar Sajjad, Area Coordinator of WHO GB.

This collaboration aims to enhance the effectiveness of the Polio Vaccination Days in the region. Under the agreement, both KIU and WHO will work together to assess vaccination campaigns, with active involvement from KIU students, faculty members, and WHO staff. The partnership will focus

on critical activities such as data collection, community outreach, and field visits, which will be supervised by relevant health personnel.

This initiative not only contributes to the success of the polio eradication campaign but also offers KIU students invaluable experience in public health and research opportunities, fostering their involvement in global health initiatives.

The collaboration underscores the shared commitment of KIU and WHO to addressing health challenges in the region while providing educational and research benefits to students at KIU.

Breast Cancer Awareness Session at KIU Emphasizes Importance of Early Diagnosis and Prevention

Karakoram International University (KIU) hosted an important awareness session on breast cancer in collaboration with the Gilgit Institute of Nuclear Medicine, Oncology, and Radiotherapy (GINOR). The session aimed to educate students, faculty, and staff on breast cancer prevention, treatment options, and the critical role of early diagnosis in saving lives.

The event, which saw a large turnout of university students and faculty members, was graced by Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of KIU, as the chief guest. In his address, Dr. Shah emphasized the importance of raising awareness about breast cancer among women, noting that early detection and timely intervention are essential in the fight against the disease.

Dr. Asif Jelani, Director of GINOR, also spoke at the session, highlighting the various treatment options available for breast cancer and urging women to be proactive about their health. He further stressed the need for regular screenings and self-examinations as preventive measures.

The session provided valuable insights into how to recognize the early signs of breast cancer and the available medical resources for treatment. The collaboration between KIU and

GINOR reflects a shared commitment to empowering individuals with the knowledge and tools to combat health challenges in the region.



KIU Partners with Planning and Development Department of Gilgit-Baltistan for Digital Transformation



The Planning and Development Department of Gilgit-Baltistan has officially entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Karakoram International University (KIU) to facilitate a comprehensive digital transformation in the region. This partnership aims to modernize and automate the development processes across various government departments, promoting efficiency, transparency, and accountability.

The MoU was signed by Dr. Ata Ullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of KIU, and Captain (retd) Mushtaq Ahmad, Additional Chief Secretary (Development). The signing ceremony was attended by key officials from both institutions, marking the beginning of this innovative collaboration.

Under the terms of the agreement, KIU will assist the government of Gilgit-Baltistan in leveraging digital technologies to enhance service delivery and streamline the development process. This initiative aims to improve governance by integrating modern automation systems and creating more accessible and transparent platforms for public services.

Both parties expressed optimism that the partnership will serve as a model for digital governance and will contribute significantly to the region's socio-economic development by enhancing operational efficiency and promoting good governance.

KIU Holds 'Salam Teacher' Ceremony to Honor Educators

Karakoram International University (KIU) hosted a heartfelt ceremony titled "Salam Teacher" to honor and appreciate the hard work, dedication, and impact of educators. The event was attended by a significant number of faculty members, staff, students, and representatives from local organizations. Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of KIU, graced the event as the chief guest. During his address, he acknowledged the invaluable contributions of teachers in shaping the future of students and society. The event aimed to salute teachers for their tireless efforts in promoting knowledge and education, while also providing students and staff an opportunity to express their gratitude.

The ceremony featured contributions from Helping Hand and the Youth Empowerment Program, who presented gifts and tokens of appreciation to the teachers as a gesture of thanks and admiration. The event concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony, symbolizing unity and respect for the teaching community.

The "Salam Teacher" ceremony was a fitting tribute to the educators, emphasizing the importance of their role in nurturing future generations and highlighting the profound impact of teaching on individuals and society.



KIU to Launch Law Education Program in Collaboration with the GB Judicial Academy



Karakoram International University (KIU) is set to introduce a new law education program in collaboration with the Gilgit-Baltistan Judicial Academy. The announcement was made following a meeting between Justice Ali Baig, Chief Justice of the Chief Court Gilgit-Baltistan, and Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, Vice Chancellor of KIU.

During the meeting, the Vice Chancellor shared updates on the university's ongoing initiatives, including the establishment of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, advancements in computer and IT education, and the introduction of new programs aligned with modern trends. The discussion then shifted towards the prospects of introducing a law education program, which would be



launched in partnership with the Gilgit-Baltistan Judicial Academy.

Both parties agreed to formalize their collaboration by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This partnership aims to provide high-quality law education that meets international standards, offering students in Gilgit-Baltistan the opportunity to pursue a legal education within the region.

The collaboration between KIU and the GB Judicial Academy marks a significant step forward in expanding higher education opportunities in the legal field in Gilgit-Baltistan, contributing to the development of future legal professionals for the region.

KIU Hosts Event on Global Iodine Deficiency Day to Raise Awareness

Karakoram International University (KIU) hosted a ceremony to observe Global Iodine Deficiency Day, aiming to raise awareness about the significance of iodine in human health. Organized by the Department of Agriculture and Food Technology in collaboration with the Nutrition Cell, Health Department of Gilgit-Baltistan, the event highlighted the importance of iodine in preventing mental disabilities and promoting overall health.

During the event, speakers emphasized the critical role of iodine in proper nutrition and brain development, particularly in the prevention of cognitive impairments associated with iodine deficiency. They urged the public to increase awareness about the risks of iodine deficiency and to encourage the consumption of iodized salt as a simple and effective measure to ensure adequate iodine intake.

The ceremony concluded with a call to action for collective efforts to improve nutrition standards and tackle iodine deficiency on a wider scale. The event underscored KIU's commitment to community health initiatives and its continued focus on promoting nutritional education within Gilgit-Baltistan.



High-Level Delegation from the USA, Canada, and Aga Khan University Visits KIU to Strengthen Collaboration in Education and Research

A high-level delegation from the USA, Canada, and Aga Khan University visited Karakoram International University (KIU) to discuss potential collaborations aimed at promoting higher education and research. The meeting, held with KIU's Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah, included Deans, Directors, and Heads of various departments of KIU. The discussions focused on strengthening academic frameworks and expanding research initiatives through joint

efforts. The delegation emphasized the importance of building partnerships to create a dynamic environment for both students and faculty, fostering academic excellence and global collaboration.

This visit marks a significant step toward enhancing international cooperation and advancing educational opportunities for KIU, benefiting all stakeholders involved.



Vice-Chancellor KIU Congratulates Dr. Asad Ullah on Winning Obada Prize 2024

Dr. Asad Ullah, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Director of the Graduate School at Karakoram International University (KIU), has been awarded the prestigious Obada Prize 2024 for his outstanding research in mathematical science and interdisciplinary fields. The prize, supported by the African Academy of Sciences, recognizes groundbreaking contributions to scientific progress. Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Ataullah Shah extended his congratulations to Dr. Asad Ullah, praising his exceptional research and significant contributions to both KIU and the broader academic community. Dr. Asad has received several prestigious accolades, including the Dr. M. Raziuddin Siddiqi Prize from the Pakistan Academy of Sciences and the

TMS Light Metals Energy Best Paper Award from the USA. He has published over 90 research papers, with his work focused on advancing mathematical sciences, and he also serves as the Chief Editor of the Journal of Mountain Areas Research.

This recognition underscores Dr. Asad's commitment to advancing mathematical research and fostering interdisciplinary academic collaboration at KIU.





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